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SUBJECT: OVERSEAS SCHOOLS: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL "AMERICAN
SCHOOL OF KIGALI"

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1. DECLINING NUMBER BELGIAN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL
HAS RESULTED IN REDUCTION NUMBER OF TEACHERS AT BELGIAN SCHOOL
OF KIGALI AND, FOR FIRST TIME, APPLICATIONS DEPENDENTS USG
EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN REFUSED BY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION DUE LACK
SPACE (BELGIANS GIVEN PREFERENCE ON AVAILABLE SPACE). BELGIAN
SCHOOL IS ONLY FACILITY RWANDA OFFERING ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
TO FOREIGNERS.

2. CHILDREN NOT BEING ABLE ATTEND SCHOOL INCLUDE 4 FIRST-
GRADERS (3 STATE, 1 AID) AND POSSIBLY ONE THIRD-GRADER (AID)
WHOSE APPLICATION BELGIAN SCHOOL STILL PENDING.

3. IN ORDER PROVIDE EDUCATION FACILITIES THESE CHILDREN,
PARENTS HAVE PROPOSED ORDERING TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS
(E.G., CALVERT SCHOOL) AND EMPLOYING QUALIFIED TEACHER
CONDUCT LESSONS. ADMIN OFFICER'S WIFE WHO HOLDS ELEMENTARY
TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE NO. A-47-B20608-F-196371-10, DATED
AUG. 19, 1970, FROM STATE OF ALABAMA, HAS THREE YEARS'
TEACHING EXPERIENCE AT CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, TUSCALOOSA,
AL., AND CENTER FOR EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN, UNIVERSITY
OF ALABAMA, WAS APPROACHED REGARDING INSTRUCTION FOR SCHOOL
YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER.

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4. SINCE PRESENT HOME STUDY EDUCATION ALLOWANCE WOULD NOT

MEET COSTS OF TEACHER PLUS SCHOOL MATERIALS, PARENTS HAVE PROPOSED, AND POST ENDORSES, REQUESTING O/AS GRANT IN LIEU EDUCATION ALLOWANCE FOR CREATION LIMITED "AMERICAN SCHOOL KIGALI" DURING ACADEMIC YEAR 76-77 TO PROVIDE FIRST- AND POSSIBLY THIRD-GRADE INSTRUCTION FOR USG DEPENDENTS. TEACHER WOULD BE COMPENSATED AT RATE DOLS 5 PER HOUR OR APPROX. DOLS 4500 PER SCHOOL YEAR. ADDITIONAL FUNDS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR PURCHASE BOOKS AND OTHER SUPPLIES ESTIMATED DOLS 875 WITH FURTHER DOLS 625 EXPENDITURES INCIDENTAL TO FURNISHING CLASSROOM (SPACE AVAILABLE AT EMB-OWNED PROPERTY), FOR TOTAL DOLS 6000 OR DOLS 1200 PER STUDENT. IF ADDITIONAL STUDENTS RECRUITED, PER CAPITA COST WOULD DECLINE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT ADVICE ON PROCEDURES NECESSARY FOR APPROVAL GRANT IN SUFFICIENT TIME ENABLE PROCUREMENT BOOKS AND CONTRACTING TEACHER IN ORDER BEGIN SCHOOL YEAR SEPTEMBER. HIGGINS

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